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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP: SCHEDULE

REF: PARIS 34335

1. WE HAVE REVIEWED REFTEL WITH NSC AND WHITE HOUSE STAFF.
FOLLOWING ARE OUR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE.

A. WE PLAN TO ARRIVE IN PARIS AT 1500 HOURS NOT 1345 HOURS.
WE WISH THE ARRIVAL STATEMENTS TO BE MADE OUTSIDE NOT
INSIDE THE PAVILLION. (THIS WAS AGREED BY THE FRENCH WITH
THE PRE-ADVANCE GROUP.)

B. IN ORDER TO AVOID THE PROBLEM OF WHO DRIVES IN WHOSE
CAR, WE WOULD PREFER THAT THERE BE SEPARATE MOTORCADES FROM
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THE AIRPORT TO THE ELYSEE OR MARIGNY RESIDENCE. THIS,
TOO WAS DISCUSSED AND TENTATIVELY AGREED BETWEEN THE FRENCH
AND THE PRE-ADVANCE TEAM.

C. WE WISH TO PROCEED DIRECTLY FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE
ELYSEE OR MARIGNY FOR A BRIEF MEETING WITH GISCARD, THEN
ON TO THE ARC DE TRIOMPHE FOR A 4:00 PM WREATH-LAYING

CEREMONY.

D. WE ARE PLANNING FOR THE MAJOR SPEECH TO BE MADE AT 8:00 PM, SO THAT THE WORKING DINNER IS OUT. THE EVENING SHOULD BE KEPT FREE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE TIME. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION ONCE AGAIN FOR THE SPEECH FORUM.

E. WE WOULD STRONGLY PREFER TO GO TO NORMANDY BY HELICOPTER, TO RETURN BY TRAIN. PRESIDENT GISCARD WOULD PRESUMABLY TRAVEL AHEAD OF PRESIDENT CARTER TO GREET HIM UPON ARRIVAL.

F. WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO HAVE A HELICOPTER TOUR OF THE BEACHES. WE WOULD WISH TO STICK TO A MOTORCADE. WE WOULD PREFER TO OMIT THE VISIT TO STE. MERE-EGLISE.

G. WE ARE INCLINED TOWARD A VISIT TO BAYEUX. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY THAT WOULD GIVE THE BAYEUX VISIT A U.S. ANGLE, E.G. U.S. TROOPS LANDING THERE, STATIONED THERE, OR SOME OTHER CONNECTION NOT READILY APPARENT TO US.

2. GIVEN THE ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS, OUR THINKING ON THE PARIS STOP HAS EVOLVED TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE WHICH WE HAVE DISCUSSED EXHAUSTIVELY WITH THE NSC AND WHITE
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HOUSE STAFF. WE WOULD APPRECIATE FRENCH REACTIONS TO IT ASAP.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

1500: ARRIVE PARIS
1600: BRIEF MEETING WITH GISCARD AT ELYSEE OR MARIGNY
1630: WREATH-LAYING AT ARC DE TRIOMPHE
2000: SPEECH
EVENING FREE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

0800: POSSIBLE CALLS ON PRESIDENT BY VAN LENNEP ET ALIA
0900: DEPART PARIS BY HELICOPTER FOR OMAHA BEACH
1030: OMAHA BEACH
1130: DEPART OMAHA BEACH BY TRAIN
1200: ARRIVE BAYEUX
1400: WHISTLE STOP AT LISEUX
1600: ARRIVE PARIS
1600-1930: PRIVATE TIME
1930: DEPART TO VERSAILLES

2000: DINNER

2100-2300: RECEPTION AND ENTERTAINMENT

2300: DEPART TO RESIDENCE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

0900: WRAP-UP SESSION WITH GISCARD OR COFFEE BETWEEN BOTH
PRESIDENTS AND WIVES

1100: DEPART PARIS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE ON BEST WAY TO HANDLE POSSIBLE MEETING
WITH CHIRAC.

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